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In the Specification:

At page 21, please replace the paragraph at lines 22-30 with the following paragraph:

B1 ~~--~~Real-Time quantitative PCR with fluorescent TAQMAN probes (internal fluorescent oligonucleotide probes labeled with a 5' reporter dye and a downstream, 3' quencher dye) is a quantitation detection system utilizing the 5'-3' nuclease activity of Taq DNA polymerase. During PCR, the 5'-3' nuclease activity of Taq DNA polymerase releases the reporter, whose fluorescence can then be detected by the laser detector of the Model 7700 Sequence Detection System (PE Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA).

At page 22, please replace the paragraph at lines 9 through 19 with the following paragraph:

B² ~~--~~The tissue distribution, and the level of the target gene were determined for every sample in normal and cancer tissue. Total RNA was extracted from normal tissues, cancer tissues, and from cancers and the corresponding matched adjacent tissues. Subsequently, first strand cDNA was prepared with reverse transcriptase and the polymerase chain reaction was done using primers and TAQMAN probe specific to each target gene. The results were analyzed using the ABI PRISM 7700 Sequence Detector. The absolute numbers are relative levels of expression of the target